

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 12, and 13 are pending, with Claim 1 being independent. Claims 3 through 6, 10, and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 2, 7 through 9, 12, and 13 have been amended. The specification has been amended.

Claims 1 through 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over US 6,577,344 (Kadohara, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, that there is no light shielding layer between photoelectric converting devices of the first linear sensor pair and the second linear sensor pair, in combination with the first to fourth sensor pairs (arranged as claimed) wherein the photoelectric converting element is an amplifying type of which accumulation time is controlled in real-time.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that Kadohara, et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed combination of features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claim 1.

Applicant further respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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